

ROCA COMMUNITY GOALS

Preface:

The following goal statements represent the collective thinking of Roca residents as to the direction Roca should take and the kind of community Roca should become in the future. These goals are intended to be used to guide decision-making in individual family, organizational, and governmental activities that affect the community at-large.

These goals are based upon the community-wide attitude survey conducted in June, 1976. However, as attitudes change, goals should be re-evaluated so they remain an up-to-date statement of community wishes.

Community and Rural Development .

- Encourage an efficient community and rural development pattern for Roca and the surrounding area; containing a system of land uses including agriculture, residential, commercial, industrial, public and semi-public.
- Guide and control future community (residential, commercial and industrial) development to ensure a desirable development pattern; adjacent to existing community development, not leap-frogging vacant lands, and located within the future corporate limits.
- Maintain the agricultural land-use of the unincorporated area.
- Maintain and re-enforce the village center.
- Establish development and density controls through the adoption of subdivision and zoning ordinances.
- Maintain the environmental quality of the Roca area.
- Promote proper development and reuse of quarrying sites in the Roca area.

Housing

- Ensure safe and sanitary housing.
- Preserve and maintain existing housing areas and remove or upgrade deteriorating buildings.
- Limit future single-wide mobile home courts.
- Maintain a spacious and open character in future residential areas consistent with existing residential areas.

- Encourage a diversified range of housing types (single family, duplex) to meet the varied housing needs and preferences of all residents.

#### Economic Development and Employment

- Maintain a vigorous agricultural economy.
- Expand employment opportunities within the community to serve the local labor force.
- Expand the local tax base and other sources of revenue to meet the costs of maintaining and improving community facilities and services.
- Limit industrial development to locations that minimize adverse effects upon the community.

#### Commercial Services and Facilities

- Attract new and varied commercial facilities into the village center area.

#### Environment

- Improve the over-all appearance and visual character of the community.
- Maintain healthful community environment.
- Conserve natural resources and energy.
- Conserve the historic heritage of Roca and the Roca area.

#### Community Services and Facilities

##### Utilities:

- Provide that all residents and community development areas are served with adequate water distribution, sewage collection and disposal facilities, storm drainage, electrical systems, and solid waste collection and disposal services.
- Refuse extension of community facilities to development not adjacent to the existing community or not provided for in the future land use plan.

##### Protection:

- Promote adequate fire protection and law enforcement.
- Improve capacity to handle emergencies and support the Hickman rescue unit.

#### Education:

- Ensure the availability of quality educational programs for all ages.

#### Parks and Recreation:

- Provide a park system, including both facilities and programs, to meet the recreational and leisure needs of all community residents on a year-round basis.
- Provide and promote a system of trails to provide access to areas of environmental significance.

#### Communication:

- Improve public information and understanding.

#### Social and Human Services:

- Improve and encourage social, cultural, health and human services.

#### Cooperation:

- Seek inter-governmental cooperation for the purpose of providing specific services that the local community cannot support independently.

#### Transportation

- Ensure residents of access to community and commercial services and employment opportunities, both within the community and supporting service centers (Lincoln and Hickman).
- Improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, including safety at railroad crossings and bridges.
- Provide a system of well-maintained sidewalks or walkways to enable a safe and convenient pedestrian movement.
- Encourage provision of off-street parking.
- Provide adequate street maintenance including snow removal.
- Improve street conditions.
- Encourage provision of transit service to centers of employment and service outside Roca.